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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EFIN, CG

SUBJECT: IMF MISSION

REFS: KINSHASA 7118; STATE 179625

1. APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE EFFECT OF
BISENGIMANA-SAMBWA COMPETITION OF TIMING OF ZAIRE'S
INVITATION TO IMF. IN HIS TALKS WITH BISENGIMANA,
AMBASSADOR VANCE SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT BISENGIMANA
ANGLING TO DELAY ARRIVAL OF IMF MISSION UNTIL
SEPTEMBER; TO THE CONTRARY, BISENGIMANA ENDORSED
IMPORTANCE OF GETTING MISSION FIRST HALF AUGUST.
IF, AS YOU SPECULATE, HOWEVER, BISENGIMANA REALLY
IS DETERMINED TO POSTPONE UNTIL SEPTEMBER, IT SEEMS
LIKELY HE WILL PREVAIL WHATEVER WE SAY. A; MOBUTU
MADE CLEAR TO VANCE, BISENGIMANA NOT SAMBWA IS IN THE
DRIVER'S SEAT ON THIS.

2. AGREE, NEVERTHELESS, THAT IS WOULD BE USEFUL

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TO REINFORCE NOTE OF URGENCY ABOUT MISSION. PLEASE

AMEND VANCE-BISENGIMANA MESSAGE STATE 179625 TO READ:
QTE: I HAVE MET WITH DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR DALE
OF THE IMF WHO HAS ASSURED ME THAT THE FUND IS READY
TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO ZAIRE AS SOON AS

THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE EXTENDS THE INVITATION. AS WE
AGREED, I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE AN INVITATION
SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FUND TO VISIT ZAIRE ON A
DATE AT THE FUND'S CONVENIENCE IN MID-AUGUST.
FOR THE SALUTARY EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON ZAIRE'S CREDITORS,
I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE MISSION BE SENT

AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE IMMINENCE OF THE ANNUAL
IMF-IBRD MEETING, WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON
THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, MAKES IT NECESSARY THAT AN
INVITATION BE RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY IF A MISSION IS TO
BE MOUNTED BEFORE MID-SEPTEMBER. I WOULD SUGGEST
THAT THE INVITATION MAKE CLEAR PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S VERY

GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION. UNQTE

3. ALTHOUGH VANCE WILL AGAIN URGE DALE TO LEAD MISSION
ONCE INVITATION IS RECEIVED, YOU SHOULD AVOID
CREATING EXPECTATION THAT MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED
(SEE PARA 4 STATE 179625). IDEA PROPOSED LAST
SENTENCE OF VANCE MESSAGE IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT
IDEA OF TOP-LEVEL MISSION LEADERSHIP WITHOUT PUTTING
GOZ INTO POSITION OF ASKING FOR IT DIRECTLY AND
THEREBY RISKING A TURNDOWN. INGERSOLL

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